AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 13, 15, and 18 as follows.

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of generating a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, said method comprising the steps of:

adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing a media item from the first group of media items, wherein the EDL element is a data structure comprising an element that selects at least a portion of the referenced media item from the first group of media items, and a transformation to be applied to the selected portion of the referenced media item;

associating at least one track control attribute in the EDL element with at least one subsequent EDL element in the second media track, the track control attribute ~~affecting~~ changing a duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL element in the second media track, wherein the track control attribute includes an attribute that serves to change commencement and termination of the media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL element in the second media track;

generating the first media track in accordance with the EDL element, the at least one track control attribute, and another media item in a third media track; and

upon a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL

element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL element in the modified sequence, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the third media track.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the re-arranging step comprises deletion of the EDL element.

4.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first media track is started in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first media track is terminated in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

7.   (Cancelled)

8.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first media track is a graphical overlay that is referenced by a track control attribute.

9.   (Cancelled)

10.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the media item in the first media track comprises a copy of a source media item in a source media track, which is referenced by an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

11.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the copy of the source media item forms the media item in the first media track.

12.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the track control attribute comprises one of (a) an attribute to activate a media item in the first media track and (b) an attribute to deactivate the media item in the first media track.

13.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, said apparatus comprising:

an editor for adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing a media item from the first group of media items, wherein the EDL element is a data structure comprising an element that selects at least a portion of the referenced

media item from the first group of media items, and a transformation to be applied to the selected portion of the referenced media item;

means for associating at least one track control attribute in the EDL element with at least one subsequent EDL element in the second media track, the track control attribute affecting changing a duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL element in the second media track, wherein the track control attribute includes an attribute that serves to change commencement and termination of the media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL element in the second media track; and

means for generating the first media in track in accordance with the EDL element, the track control attribute, and another media item in a third media track; and

means for, upon a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the third media track.

14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable disk or storage device having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for

directing a processor to execute a method for generating a first media track, the first media track

comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, said method

comprising the steps of:

adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) element into a second media track, the EDL element

referencing at least one media item from the first group of media items, wherein the EDL

element is a data structure comprising an element that selects at least a portion of the referenced

media item from the first group of media items, and a transformation to be applied to the selected

portion of the referenced media item;

associating at least one track control attribute in the EDL element with at least one

subsequent EDL element in the second media track, the track control attribute ~~affecting~~ changing

a duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL element in the second

media track, wherein the track control attribute includes an attribute that serves to change

commencement and termination of the media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL

element in the second media track;

generating the first media track in accordance with the EDL element, the track control

attribute, and another media item in a third media track; and

upon a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the

track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the

media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL

elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL

element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a duration of a media item

in the first media track referenced by the subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the

duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the third media track.

16 -17. (Cancelled)

18.   (Currently Amended) A media production comprising a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, the media track being formed by a method comprising the steps of:

adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing at least one media item from the first group of media items, wherein the EDL element is a data structure comprising an element that selects at least a portion of the referenced media item from the first group of media items, and a transformation to be applied to the selected portion of the referenced media item;

associating at least one track control attribute in the EDL element with at least one subsequent EDL element in the second media track, the track control attribute ~~affecting~~ changing a duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL element in the second media track, wherein the track control attribute includes an attribute that serves to change commencement and termination of the media item in the first media track referenced by the EDL element in the second media track;

generating the first media track in accordance with the EDL element, the track control attribute, and another media item in a third media track; and

upon a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the

media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL

elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL

element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a duration of a media item

in the first media track referenced by the subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the

duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media

item in the first media track.